**Syllabus: Visual Arts**

**Course 600 : Art 1 Grades 9-12**

**Credit: One**

This is a foundations course in high school art that establishes the groundwork for understanding and using art as a visual language and acknowledging oneself as a creative individual. Students will learn to improve their skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and digital media. Students will be exposed to artists and art periods throughout history and from a variety of cultures Asian as well as Western. Creative problem solving will be empathized throughout. Students will use a sketch book in conjunction with studio projects and art history research to further enhance artistic development and cultural awareness in the planning of artworks, concept development and recording inspiration and ideas. There will be class critiques after each unit to reinforce artistic thinking and vocabulary.

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**Units of study:**

Drawing

Color and design

Oil and Acrylic Painting

Printmaking

Collage/ Assemblage

Sculpture

Digital Media

**Assessment :**

Sketchbook 20%

Studio Projects /research assignment 80%

Unexcused late work policy 10%per day

**High School Visual Arts Expectations**

These expectations are set for the safety and comfort of all HS visual art students and teachers. Please keep in mind that we all share these spaces. Respect the space you occupy as well as the space of others and …

**Only students who take art courses are allowed beyond the visual art gallery!**

**Absolutely only IB students in the IB studio spaces.**

**All work areas:**

Work areas are to be kept clean and orderly. No writing on walls.

What you mess up you clean up. Use recycle bins for recycling, not as waste bins

What you use you put away

If it’s not yours, don’t touch it.

**Materials:**

Materials are to be kept in good working order i.e.

Brushes are to be put away **clean**

Glue bottles are to have tips cleaned and closed

If it has a top put it on securely

**Food:**

No food in the work areas. Water is allowed.

**Cell phones and personal music players:**

Cell phones are to be turned off in the studios

MP3 players can be used only after class is well under way and with teacher permission

Use earphones in the IB studios as you and your neighbor may not have the same musical tastes!

**Notice Boards:**

The **bulletin board** is for all of us to share news about galleries, museums and other events of interests

The **White board** at the bottom of the stairs is for important messages for IB students

**Printers:**

The **Epson printer** in Ms Farrell’s studio is used **only** with teachers’ permission

The **laser printer** in the art resource room is to be used for work related to the student’s art classes **only.**

**Enjoy these amazing studio spaces!! Be inspired and have fun!!!**